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**Remarks by Dr. Ibrahim M. Mohamed, CBS**

**Principal Secretary, Ministry of Mining**

**Republic of Kenya**

Mr. Bill Feast, CEO – Trimble,

Distinguished delegates from the various countries represented here,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Let me begin by extending to you all, my very warmest salutations,

Allow me also to express our profound gratitude to the dedicated Trimble team, ably led by Mr. Bill Feast for inviting us to this annual event and for the continued systems support which has enabled Kenya and I believe the other user countries to better manage concessions of Mineral Rights.

In Kenya, the Original cadastre system implementation took place in 2011 before current Ministry was in existence – it began then as a Back office only implementation.

When the Jubilee administration assumed office in 2013, a new fully-fledged Ministry of Mining was established for the first time, , and under its auspices, the cadastre system received renewed attention, and was upgraded in 2013/2014 to be the as first full transactional online mining cadastre in Africa.

The online cadastre incorporates functionality for submission of new licence applications, maintenance of existing rights, as well as online payments for annual rents and other fees.

In 2016, Kenya's Parliament passed the new Mining Act, which seeks to modernise the Kenyan mining industry and transform the architecture of Mining governance in Kenya with a view to ensure transparency, accountability and efficiency in the sector.

The new Act and accompanying regulations are explicit in their requirement for an online mining cadastre through which all transactions, interactions and payments are made.

On the back of this new legislation, the Ministry committed funds to upgrade the cadastre system and to reconfigure it in order to align it to the new Mining Act 2016 and the various enabling Mining Regulations.

The project scope had a broader vision than just bringing the cadastre in line with the new Act and regulations. Its intention was to transform the way in which the Ministry interacted with the public, using e-government principles and tools.

As such, the scope included:

- Incorporation of Mineral Dealer licensing into the cadastre
- Explosives Act licensing – the regulation of explosives dealing, storage, and use, including blasting permitting, through the cadastre
- Support for the Mineral Audit, and Compliance and Enforcement Units to perform their function
- The recording of production and revenue figures in the cadastre
- The introduction of advanced User Communication tools to allow portal users to interact with the cadastre team for assistance
- Institutional strengthening and support through training, consulting and enablement of regional offices

I am also fully aware that during implementation, the Ministry has faced various challenges along the way to achieving these goals. We have been hamstrung by infrastructure issues, such as poor internet service provision, which has impacted on the cadastre team's ability to service their clients.

The Mineral Rights Board, which is the enabler of the mineral rights process, was also delayed in being formed, which had an impact on the granting of new rights.

However, the project was a significant success and the updated mining cadastre has been praised as a success by our clients who regarded it as a critical enabler to mining investment in the country.

We would like to thank our partners in this project, Trimble Land Administration, formerly Spatial Dimension, for their devotion and dedication in undertaking this important project and their continued support.

I would particularly like to commend the tireless efforts of the team from Trimble who spent many months on the ground working with our cadastre team. We particularly thank Nick Holleman, Ian Brumfit and Kali Ramiah who spent many man-hours, days and weeks on the ground in Nairobi.

This team was available for us at short notice whenever we needed their help including on issues that were sometimes demand driven and not directly on their TORs.

Whilst we have come a long way in this journey, I am aware that we still have some work to be completed including roll-out to regional offices and counties.

For this, as well as for continued technical support and hosting of our data, we will be engaging with Trimble on a more structured Medium term framework of cooperation.

With these few remarks, I wish to thank you all for your kind attention and wish you fruitful deliberations.